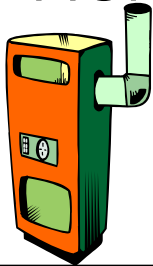

Home Energy Assistance Program



The Dutchess County Division of Aging Services offers a Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) funded through the Dutchess County Department of Social Services.

What is HEAP?

HEAP provides assistance with home energy needs for low income, older individuals and families. Services include financial assistance with fuel bills, emergency financial assistance for fuel/utility terminations and referrals for weatherization service.

Those who have received a HEAP benefit check in the prior year will automatically receive an application in the mail the following year.

Senior citizens who are in an emergency situation (those without heating fuel and/or those with a scheduled heat related utility shut off) may be eligible for emergency assistance.

Anyone with an emergency or with questions about filling out the HEAP application should call the Dutchess County Division of Aging Services at 486-2555 or toll free at (866) 486-2555. If you are calling about an emergency, it is best to call early in the day in order to give us enough time to assist you.

Am I eligible?

HEAP is an income eligibility program. New income eligibility guidelines are issued in the beginning of the program for each heating season. Please call our office to see if you meet the requirements.

Households in the following living situations are **not** eligible:

- individuals paying room rent and/or room and board in a private residence
- individuals temporarily housed in a motel/hotel or temporarily living in cars, vans or recreational vehicles
- residents of congregate care facilities, dormitories, group homes or institutions
- migrant/seasonal farm workers with no heating or heat related expenses
- individuals who have no responsibilities for heating costs and who do not make undesignated payments for heat in the form of rent.

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